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A Pocket Code of the Rules of Evidence in Trials at Law, by John Henry Wigmore, Professor in the Law School of Northwestern University, and Author of "A Treatise on the System of Evidence," and Editor of "Cases on Evidence." Boston. Little, Brown & Co. Price, \$4.00 net.

Professor Wigmore's great work on Evidence is too well known to be more than alluded to, but we doubt if in that *magnum opus* he has rendered any greater service to the profession than in this little book, which charms alike in clarity and conciseness of statement, and as a mere specimen of bookmaking is a delight to handle. In this work he does fully what Sir James Stephens tried partially to do. He has given the whole law of evidence in a series of compact, clearly stated rules, illustrating briefly each rule and referring to his larger book, so that any question of evidence may not only be readily found, but worked up, if need be. The variations which arise under the different state laws are noted and attention is called to them in foot notes, as well as by typographical expedients which are fully explained. The value of this is seen at once, but in order to allow the practitioner an opportunity to make his own annotations each alternate page of this little volume is left blank. Professor Wigmore has not only contented himself with stating what the law is, but has not hesitated to express his opinion as to what it ought to be, though clearly indicating that this is his own opinion merely.

For a hand book for students, a desk book for trials, a traveling companion for the lawyer who goes on circuit, and for the judge's bench we know of nothing to equal it.

Coming from Little, Brown & Co. it is of course a fine specimen of bookmaking and easy to carry, easy to read and pleasant to handle.

Shippers and Carriers of Interstate Freight, by Edgar Watkins, L. L. B. of the Atlanta, Ga., Bar. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Company, Law Book Publishers. 1909. Price, \$6 net.

No book has been published for some time more opportunely than this volume. The questions discussed are those which are giving rise to much litigation and discussion, as the relative rights and duties of shippers and carriers of interstate freight are to a certain extent "in the air."

The author of this work has attempted—and we think quite successfully—to combine those questions which interest lawyers with those in which traffic men and those engaged in any sort of interstate commerce are interested.

He has given liberal quotations from the best decisions of the courts on these questions, and where decisions upon the exact point under discussion are lacking, the author has not hesitated to express his own opinion, basing it often upon opinions of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Federal and State Courts, where they are in any way analogous to the discussion. Principles and not merely cases seem to be the author's aim, and his work is admirably done. Entering upon a field which, wide as it is, has been but little explored by the law-writers, he has blazed out a path which aids the investigator and deserves the thanks of all interested in this branch of the law.